

HEAVY SENTENCES, JAIL AND FINES FOR GERMAN PLOTTERS

'Schmidt Gets Four Years and Must Pay \$20,000—Three Years for Sister.

TROTT, Dec. 22.—Albert C. Schmidt, who, with four out of five others, was convicted in Federal court this morning on a conspiracy charge, was sentenced to four years in Federal prison at Fort Leavenworth and to a fine of \$20,000. It was the heaviest sentence possible under the law for the three counts of conspiracy.

Ida Neef, his sister, was sentenced to three years in the local reformatory and fined \$15,000. His wife, Mrs. Schmidt, and his wife, Maria, were sentenced to two years' imprisonment and fined \$10,000 each. Franz, a seventy-year-old German, was the only one of the six acquitted.

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Carl Schmidt and his wife were convicted on one count and Mrs. Neef and her husband on two.

COURT RAPS SUGAR HOARDER IN HOLDING HIM FOR TRIAL

"Men of Your Stamp Are Danger Spots in War," Says Justice Freschi to Borok.

Hyman Borok, waist manufacturer, of No. 130 Boston Road, the Bronx, who arrested for sugar hoarding followed information given District Attorney Swann by The Evening World, was held in \$500 bail for trial before the Court of Special Sessions to-day by Justice John F. Freschi of Special Sessions, acting as committing magistrate.

Borok is the first food hoarder to be brought before a justice under the special enactment of the Legislature constituting such action a misdemeanor, punishable by fine and imprisonment. In holding him for trial Justice Freschi said:

"You purchased and hoarded 21,000 pounds of sugar—certainly more than you, waist manufacturer, needed. Your defense that you intended going into the manufacture of syrups is a subterfuge. Small hoarding by large numbers is dangerous. Practices like yours are to be severely condemned.

"Men of your stamp are the danger spots in this war. Unscrupulous profiteers are traitors to the country."

Borok's case was brought to the attention of the District Attorney when The Evening World discovered that the waist manufacturer held fifty-two barrels of sugar. Originally he had sixty barrels.

STOCK EXCHANGE KIDDIES HAVE 40-FOOT XMAS TREE

George B. Buchanan Plays Santa—Employees Get Gold Honor Day Certificates.

About 2,000 persons attended the Christmas celebration given by the Stock Exchange to the employees and their families this afternoon. The big room had been appropriately decorated.

A Christmas tree, forty feet high, laden with gifts, towered on the south side. George B. Buchanan took the part of Santa Claus and presented gifts to the children and gratuities to the employees.

There was also a presentation of "gold" honor-day certificates, a reward of merit to members of the tube and floor department of the Exchange who have completed a year of unbroken attendance and punctuality.

The Seventh Regiment band played, the assemblage sang "America," the male chorus, composed of employees of the Exchange, and the Junior chorus, composed of boys under seventeen years old, rendered songs.

Blair S. Williams, Chairman of the Committee on Arrangements, presided.

QUITS CHILD WELFARE BODY. Secretary Resigns Because Aldermen Refused \$1,000 for Salaries.

Because the Board of Aldermen refused to allow the sum of \$1,000 to increase the pay of three senior "visitors" or investigators, Harry L. Hopkins, executive secretary of the Board of Child Welfare to-day handed his resignation to Henry Bruere, President of the Welfare Board.

Mr. Hopkins said he wanted to promote three of his present force of thirty-six after a competitive examination. The Board of Estimate passed upon the item, but it was cut out by the Board of Aldermen when it made reductions in the 1918 budget. Mr. Hopkins said he did not think the work of the Welfare Board could be done effectively without the help of the three senior "visitors." His resignation will take effect Jan. 1.

MISS MOWRY BRIDE OF ENSIGN IN NAVY ACADEMY CHAPEL



Miss Janet Blanchard Mowry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allan McLane Mowry of No. 146 East Thirty-fifth Street, and Ensign Thomas Crouse Parsons, U. S. N. R., of Rochester were married yesterday in the chapel at the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis. The ceremony, which was to have been performed to-day, was advanced one day, as the bridegroom, who has been training at Annapolis, will be summoned to active duty sooner than was expected.

TURKEYS 33 TO 46 CENTS; FOOD BOARD FIXES PRICE

Retailer Allowed to Make a Profit of Five Cents on Every Pound He Sells.

The Federal Food Board has fixed the maximum price at which fresh killed Christmas turkeys may be sold at 46½ cents a pound. The minimum price retail dealers will be allowed to charge for fresh killed turkeys is 33 cents. These prices are slightly in excess of current quotations in some shops. They are slightly higher than the "suggested" price for Thanksgiving turkeys.

SUGAR PROFITEER'S CASE PUSHED BY FOOD BOARD

"People in No Mood to Be Trifled With," Says Williams to Lefkowitz's Lawyer.

Arthur Williams, Federal Food Administrator for New York, refused to-day to grant a further postponement of the case of H. L. Lefkowitz of No. 1429 Brook Avenue, Bronx, who is alleged to have sold 1,000 pounds of sugar at 15 cents a pound.

Lefkowitz was represented by a new lawyer, Harry Schimmel, when the case was called. Schimmel pleaded that the case was new to him and that he had not had time to prepare it.

"That's camouflage," retorted Charles Robinson, attorney for the Federal Food Bureau.

"I think Mr. Robinson is right," interrupted Administrator Williams. "The people are in no mood to be trifled with. You may summon your witnesses by telephone. Mr. Schimmel, and in the meantime we will hear the witnesses against Mr. Lefkowitz."

SEIZED IN BOGUS CHECK CASE

Man Known as "Capt. Ruffner" Said to Have Swindled Hotel.

A man known in the hotel section of 34th Street and Broadway as Capt. Joseph Ruffner was arrested early to-day in his room at the Martinique, charged with passing a worthless check for \$25 on the hotel. When looked up he gave the name of John Brown and said he was a lawyer.

It is said by the detectives that he also passed a bogus check for \$62.74 on the Hotel McAlpin. A check for \$50 in favor of the Hotel Imperial was found on him.

According to the police, he had served eight months in the Canadian Army and had resided at the request of the U. S. War Department. After doing some legal work for the department he was commissioned a Captain of the 16th Cavalry and stationed at Fort Sam Houston, Indiana. It is said.

SAGE GIFT TO PARK MEN.

Widow of Financier Gives \$10 Bills This Year.

Each of the 333 laborers and other low salaried city employees who work in Central Park will receive a \$10 bill as a Christmas gift from Mrs. Russell Sage.

The widow of the financier has made Christmas presents of cash to Central Park employees for the last ten years. Up to two years ago her gift was a \$5 gold piece. Last Christmas, because of the high cost of living, she increased the amount to \$10 in gold. This year Mrs. Sage is substituting bills for gold, because of the Government's request that the latter be conserved.

Why Does a Woman Wear Furs?

Well, There's One Reason for It—The Other Is That There Ain't Any Reason—If They're Wearing Furs for Warmth Why Do They Wear Them on Parasols and Hats?—Oh, Yes, Here's a Reason: "A Woman Wears a Sealskin So Her Neighbors Can Sprain an Eye on Her as She Flatwheels Down Street"—You Imagine They're Wearing Furs for Warmth Until You Note She's "Wearing a Low-Cut Waist and Has a Freckle on Her Shoulder Blade."

By Arthur ("Bugs") Baer.

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IT is impossible to prognosticate the direction in which a flea with the collar will jump. You can't figure in advance just what a flivver with a fractured steering gear will do next. It's liable to go Democratic, climb into some pedestrian's vest pocket or have a relapse and become a pile of tin again.

And you have just as much chance of flouting what the ladies are going to publish next in the way of styles. Pat Henry said that the only way we could judge the future was by the past. But if you try to do that with the feminine styles you are liable to step on your chin.

About a decade ago the frail dahlings were wearing the Princess gown. That was the style in which their waist line was purked up around their ears. Then a few seasons later their waist lines went down around their ankles. Since then you ain't sure just where to look for the fashionable waist line. The styles keep bobbing north and south like a farmer's Adam's apple.

THEN the ladies busted out on a hat campaign. They broke out in a rash of millinery. They wore every shape of skullpiece from an erratic pancake shape to a creation modelled after a soup tureen with broken arches.

After the girls had defeated millinery they rolled their eyes around for new worlds to conquer, and they picked on shoes. They wore every brand of shoe from a seven-quart tango pump to a four dozen button travelling brogan.

There were so many buttons on shoes that shoes had to be buttoned in instalments. There were more buttons on debutante's boots than there were buttons on the desk of a vice president of a big corporation. That's stepping some.

After graduating from boots and hats, the soprano dahlings played possum for awhile, but suddenly they broke out in an epidemic of furs. And they are still epidemicing. They are wearing every kind of fur from genuine sardine whiskers to authentic Mexican furless dog fur.

BEAUTY unadorned is real beauty. Pasting a flock of Danish kangaroo furs on a beautiful prima donna is like painting the lily. Or like putting salt on a fish cake. But if the style founders decree that furs are to be the vogue, the ladies will get furs if they have to shave every cat in the neighborhood.

But what we've been trying to aim this chatter at is the exempt way in which the lady voters wear furs. When a seal is still inside of his coat and vest he wears 'em to keep warm. But after old George Seal is evicted from his wardrobe, the original idea becomes merely a scrap of paper. A woman doesn't wear sealskins to keep herself warm. She doesn't care whether she is insulated from the cold or not.

In the first place, a woman wears sealskins so that her neighbors can sprain an eye on her as she flatwheels down the street. If her neighbors were all nearsighted, she wouldn't get any more fun out of her sealskins than a rabbit would out of a shotgun.

THAT'S one reason why a lady wears furs. The other reason is that there ain't any reason. If a woman wears furs for warmth why does she wear 'em on her parasol or her hat? Why does she wear furs dangling down her spine like an animated lambskin or a travelling set of portieres? If a chicken toots around an edition of furs for protection why does she wear a gargantuan of elephant tails, fox ears and porpoise hoofs trailing after her like an unraveled xylophone? Whenever you see a frail with a lot of guinea pig tails dangling down her shoulder blades you are tempted to page a Swiss bell ringer and ask him to play the Chimes of Normandy on 'em.

WHEN you lamp a bird on the street with a bandage of furs around her gawdle like neck you might think that there is one woman who is wearing furs for warmth. She has a rope of skunk furs pulled around her neck like a tourniquet. She looks as if she has lynched herself.

You imagine that she is carrying that neckpiece for warmth until you take another astigmatic peep and you see that she is wearing a low cut waist and that she has a freckle on her left shoulder blade and a mole on her hip. If they do wear furs, they compromise by not wearing much else.

Why does a woman wear furs is one of those unanswerable queries that must rattle down in history along with other puzzles, such as how long is a plate of spaghetti and what becomes of the wool that was in the hole in your sock.

THE last one is really the toughest puzzle to unravel. What becomes of the wool that was in the hole in your sock? Nobody knows what becomes of the wool that was in the

hole in your sock, especially if your sock was cotton.

Well, it's a couple of rough hemlockers who are living in. Nobody knows the answer. And, as the Kaiser said when he hugged the Holtheimer, or as the monkey said when he kissed the porcupine, we must take our pain with our pleasure.

FIVE 'SUFF' PICKETS PARADE SEVEN FIFTH AVE. BLOCKS

Few Turn to Look at Marchers Carrying "Why Were We Jailed?" Banners.

Fifth Avenue saw another parade to-day. To be exact, seven blocks of Fifth Avenue saw it, and did not appear to be particularly interested.

Five of the pickets who served terms in the Occoquan and Washington jails for their activities at the entrance of the White House, marched from the headquarters of the National Woman's Party, No. 14 East 41st Street, along Fifth Avenue on the west sidewalk to 54th Street, and back again on the east sidewalk. Just which five of the former prisoners bore the yellow, purple and white banners and the streamers propounding the queries "We Were Jailed, Why? We Were Released, Why?" must remain one of the secrets of the cause.

"If there is one thing we hate," said the leading standardbearer, "it is publicity or notoriety." Whereupon a halt was called so that the photographers lining the steps of the Public Library might get a good picture.

Few turned to look at the paraders. In the short march a couple of members of the Montreal Garrison Artillery with beak-like caps and carrying yellow and white banners attracted much more attention, and the activities of half a dozen persons of Santa Claus gathered much larger crowds.

The only comment heard was contributed by a young man who surveyed the group from an outside seat of a bus.

"Well, sisters," he called down, "if that is what forcible feed will do, I'm going to let them try it on me."

The purpose of the short parade was to advertise the mass meeting in favor of the Federal Suffrage Amendment, which is to be held at Carnegie Hall on Jan. 1.

77,000 TRAVELLING MEN MAY JOIN HOME DEFENSE

Pittsburgh Council of U. C. T. Starts Move and Representative Is Here to Organize N. Y.

A campaign to organize the 77,000 commercial travellers of the United States for home defense work and to supplement the investigations of the Secret Service by reporting activities of alien enemies in all parts of the country has been inaugurated by members of the Pittsburgh Council of the United Commercial Travellers of America.

W. T. Geissinger, a member of the Pittsburgh Council and an officer in the Home Defense League of that city, arrived in New York to-day and presented to Police Commissioner Woods a letter from Charles S. Hubbard, Director of Public Safety of Pittsburgh. The letter asks that Mr. Geissinger be given every assistance in his effort to organize the commercial travellers of New York and the vicinity.

There are ten councils of the United Commercial Travellers in this city, and Mr. Geissinger is to address each of them.

U. S. MAKES WAR HOSPITAL OF THE LAKEWOOD HOTEL

Will Accommodate 2,000 to 3,000 Wounded Soldiers When Converted.

The Lakewood Hotel at Lakewood, N. J., has been leased by the War Department for use as a convalescent hospital to care for wounded American soldiers brought back from France. The Government plans to take charge of the building on Jan. 10.

The hotel is a large brick structure of fireproof construction and has 400 rooms. It has its own power plant and its grounds cover twelve acres. The building was erected twenty years ago by a syndicate headed by Nathan Straus. It is expected when converted to accommodate 2,000 to 3,000 wounded soldiers.

The lease was negotiated through Joseph P. Day of No. 31 Nassau Street. Mr. Day is reported to have secured 2,000 acres of land on the Harlem River for use as a terminal.

Dr. Shaw Loses Her Appeal.

Dr. Anita Woodford Shaw, suffrage leader, lost again yesterday in her \$25,000 suit against the Lehigh Valley Railroad for injuries sustained Feb. 13, 1914, when alighting from a train. The Appellate Division upheld the verdict for the defendant of a jury before Supreme Court Justice Greenbaum. Dr. Shaw arrived at Jersey City with Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt at night. She stopped while stepping on a box placed below the car step by the porter.

JEAN ROSS BECKMAN WILL BECOME BRIDE OF NAVAL LIEUTENANT



Mr. and Mrs. Alfred H. Beckman of No. 21 Eastwood Street, East Orange, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Jean Ross Beckman, to Junior Lieut. Edmund Bell Caldwell, U. S. N. The date of the wedding has not been fixed. Miss Beckman was born in Louisville, Ky., the former home of her father.

Lieut. Caldwell, whose home is Tacoma, Wash., was graduated last April from the Naval Academy and is a great nephew of Lieut. Caldwell, for whose distinguished service in the War of 1812 the new torpedo destroyer Caldwell was recently named. He is stationed on the dreadnought Wyoming somewhere on some ocean. Miss Beckman, who has a brother and six cousins in the army, is engaged in Red Cross and navy relief work.

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The weather of the past two days has been decidedly warmer and the snow is disappearing rapidly. All work in camp was suspended at noon to-day and will not be resumed until Wednesday. Everybody is getting ready for Christmas. There will be a Christmas tree in every mess hall in camp, and all will be decorated and lighted. There will be special Christmas menus in every mess.

NEW ARMY ENLISTS IN RED CROSS DRIVE, EXTENDED A WEEK

300,000 Mark To Be Passed Here To-Day and Reinforcements Will Appear Monday.

The average New Yorker, whose intimate knowledge of the drive of the Red Cross to obtain 500,000 Christmas members in this city is confined to a speaking acquaintance with the pretty young woman worker in the booth in his office building, may be surprised to find on Monday morning that another has taken her place. If it was a blonde who signed him up for membership he may be halted on Monday from the same booth by a brunette who will be blissfully unaware that he has already "come across" for the good cause. This will be the way he will know personally that a big shift has taken place in the Red Cross campaign.

According to the original plans the Red Cross membership drive was to end to-day. The time, however, has been extended until Dec. 29, one week longer. There are 3,400 booths in the city and many of the women will shift places. Some of them will drop out of the campaign altogether and their places will be taken by fresh workers. There will be new faces beaming from the frames of many a gayly decorated booth Monday morning.

The 300,000 mark will be passed before night in New York's new membership, according to G. O. Tamblin, director of the campaign. Already almost \$105,000 in cash has been taken in at the headquarters at Madison Avenue and 8th Street. There is every indication that before the evening of Dec. 29 New York's allotted membership of 500,000 will be reached and perhaps exceeded.

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Plans a "Long Voyage," Shoots Self in Hotel

J. C. Larsen Commits Suicide After Arranging All Details for His Burial.

When he had packed his bag, containing nothing that a traveler might want for a long voyage, J. C. Larsen set out in the Broadway Central Hotel and wrote a letter to the manager.

"I have had many ventures in many lands," he said, "and now I am about to try the Great Adventure."

From his "bedroom" and departing on his long journey by means of a bullet in the head. His body was found in his room this morning. Pinned to the wall was this note:

"This is to say for the cremation of my body."

Larsen had got a price from an undertaker. He also left a telegram addressed to Mrs. Larsen, Kingston, N. Y. This was written by Larsen but was signed "Wilhelm"—the name of the hotel proprietor. It read: "Your son died suddenly. His body will be cremated."

The only suggestion of a motive for the suicide was contained in a paragraph of the letter Larsen left to the hotel manager.

"I am sick and tired," he wrote, "of this swindle that is called life."

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In the Church of the Ascension, at 7 o'clock this evening, will take place the marriage of Miss Lydia Locke Harrold, daughter of Mrs. Newton Bushnell Cooke, to Lieut. Commander Arthur Hudson Marks, U. S. N. R. A dinner at the Ritz-Carlton will follow the ceremony.

Two life members who paid \$5 each for joining were reported to-day. They are Miss Josephine Rogers, former Principal of Public School 41, and Miss Rose Heggal, Acting Principal of the same school. In the campaign in the public schools about 5,500 teachers have joined. Public School No. 7 is leading in the enrolment of pupils, with 800 members.

ENORMOUS INCREASE TO RUN N. Y. STATE IN 1918

Appropriations Requested Show \$19,374,000, or 23 Per Cent. More Than Last Year.

(Special to The Evening World.) ALBANY, Dec. 22.—An enormous increase in the cost of the State Government is probable for the next fiscal year. State Controller Travis has received the estimates of appropriations desired by the various departments, which total as follows:

Appropriations requested, \$19,374,000, an increase of \$19,371,000 over last year, or 23 per cent. up. Estimated income of the State for the next fiscal year is \$69,525,000. If all the money asked for should be granted the deficit would be \$50,000,000.

SMALL FIRE AT BELLEVUE.

Hospital Department Puts Out Blaze in Elevator Shaft.

While inspecting the "A and B" Building, one of the Bellevue Hospital group, this morning, Fireman Martin J. Murphy saw smoke emerging from the elevator shaft on the second floor. He called the Bellevue fire department and within five minutes the fire was extinguished. It was caused by defective electric wire in the shaft.

Upon sounding an alarm Murphy had ordered all doors to the wards closed, thus preventing the smoke from reaching the patients.

Bank Robbers Get \$12,500; Perhaps Worth More.

WEST SALEM, O., Dec. 22